

**LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA**

**Dahlonega City Hall  
465 Riley Road  
Dahlonega, Georgia  
March 16, 2006  
6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Hutcheson

**II. INVOCATION**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**V. APPEAL**

- Sign variance appeal – Mr. Jack Hartrampf

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Regular Meeting
- March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Special Called Meeting

**VII. REPORTS**

- Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
- Elected Officials

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

- 2006-20 Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Office (all departments)
- 2006-21 Community Development Block Grant - Application
- 2006-22 Abandonment of Certain County Property not Economically Salvageable

**IX. CONTRACTS**

- Association County Commissioners Georgia Health Benefits Program, Health Promotion and Wellness Program Grant Application
- Laborchex – Contract to conduct background checks, MVR records and other pre-employment checks on a fee per service basis.
- REC 1 Recreation Accident Insurance – Park & Recreation Voluntary Participant Insurance
- Fred Ridsdle and Pamela Maragni – Lease of Polling Place Porter Springs Voting District
- The Legacy Link, Inc./Area Agency on Aging – Contract Information

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- The Legacy Link, Ins. – Addendum No. 1 of the Nutrition Program Contract
- Georgia Forestry Commission – Forest Wildfire Protection Program
- Bates, Cater & Company – Engagement Letter for Yahoola Creek Reservoir Audit
- Sheriff's Inmate Medical Contract

**X. OTHER ITEMS**

- Fees Schedules
  - o Road Signs
- Joint Proclamation

**XI. COMMENTS**

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONERS
- COUNTY ATTORNEY

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Future Board Meetings:

- \*Board Work Session – City Hall
  - Board Meeting – City Hall
- \*note date changed from 4/06/2006

Apr. 13, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.  
Apr. 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearings:

- Proposed Sign Regulations – Courthouse

Mar. 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Vice-Chairman Hutcheson

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

March 16, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present were, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin. Chairman Gooch was not in attendance.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Marvin Martin opened the meeting with prayer. Commissioner Stowers led in the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Only one member of the public, Don Trice, asked to speak. Mr. Trice had a question regarding the appeal process listed on the agenda as item number five. Vice-Chairman Hutcheson responded that the Public Comments section of the meeting was reserved strictly for those wishing to address the commissioners and that Mr. Trice's comments should be reserved until we reached the particular agenda item. No others requested to speak.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion: Commissioner Raber moved that the agenda be accepted as presented. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion. Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Martin approved. Motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SIGN VARIANCE APPEAL – MR. JACK HARTRAMPF**

Vice-Chairman Hutcheson pointed out that Mr. Hartrampf's appeal would not be heard at this meeting. But if he wished to make a presentation to the Board that he was welcome to do so. As Mr. Hartrampf wished to introduce Exhibits so that they could become part of the record of the meeting, County Attorney Horne said that it was not worthwhile to accept these, as the Board is not currently hearing his appeal. Reading from Resolution 84-7 regarding the thirty-day window for filing appeals, Mr. Hartrampf stated that he met the thirty-day window with his appeal. County Attorney Horne again explained that exhibits are not being accepted at this meeting nor is the Board hearing his appeal at this time. Mr. Hartrampf then pointed out that according to Georgia law, he has a vested right to have his appeal heard before the Board issued moratorium is over. It is his contention that the moratorium is unconstitutional. Mr. Hartrampf said he does not feel that he should have to wait until the moratorium is over. When Mr. Hartrampf asked when he can put his documents on the public record the Vice-Chairman pointed out that Mr. Hartrampf is welcome to attend the March 23 Public Hearing regarding Sign Regulations. Mr. Hartrampf presented two written statements to the County Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to accept the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Raber seconded the motion and Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Martin assented. Motion carried.*

*Motion: Commissioner Raber moved that the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Special Called Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Stowers seconded and Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Martin approved. Motion carried.*



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## **REPORTS**

### Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office

Commission Stowers commented he was surprised that only one commercial building permit had been issued this year by the Planning Department.

### Elected Officials

Sheriff McClure passed out copies of the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office Fiscal Year 2005 Annual Report. He also announced a public forum, "Meth = Death" that will take place April 13, 2006 at Lumpkin County High School. Speakers at this event will include Chairman Steve Gooch, Judge Barrett, and Senator Casey Cagle, among others. Representatives from rehab facilities will also be there.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### RESOLUTION 2006-20

A resolution amending the Lumpkin County Budget for fiscal year 2005. This resolution amends the 2005 Budget for the Sheriff's Department.

*Motion: Following reading of the Resolution Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Stowers. Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Martin approved the resolution. Motion carried.*

### RESOLUTION 2006-21

A resolution to approve application for a Community Development Block Grant for a Health Department Facility.

*Motion: Following reading of the Resolution Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Stowers. Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Martin approved the resolution. Motion carried.*

### RESOLUTION 2006-22

A resolution to authorize the abandonment of certain county property not economically salvageable.

*Motion: Following reading of the Resolution Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Stowers. Commissioners Raber, Stowers approved the resolution. Motion carried.*

## **CONTRACTS**

The Commissioners elected to vote on the following contracts as a "consent agenda" rather than individually.

### Association County Commissioners Georgia Health Benefits Program, Health Promotion and Wellness Program Grant Application

If chosen a grant recipient will receive up to \$20.00 per covered employee for implementation of approved health employee promotion and wellness activities.

### Laborchex

This contract will provide employment screening services by maintaining an information services organization that searches various data sources and legally retrieves accessible information for Client.

### REC 1 Recreation Accident Insurance

Park & Recreation Voluntary Participant Insurance

Following brief remarks about this insurance Park & Recreation Director Rob Staples invited all listeners to participate in the season opening activities at the ball fields on March 25, 2006. Mr. Staples also stated that the soccer field should be playable in August.

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Fred Ridsdle and Pamela Maragni

Lease of Polling Place for Porter Springs Voting District. This is the same contract and polling location for the Porter Springs District but the site has new owners.

The Legacy Link, Inc./Area Agency on Aging

Contract with Area Agency on Aging for aging services.

The Legacy Link, Inc. – Addendum No. 1 of the Nutrition Program Contract

Addendum No. 1 for Nutrition Program contract for FY2006 between Lumpkin County Commissioners and the Legacy Link, Inc. for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Georgia Forestry Commission – Forest Wildfire Protection Program

State law provides the requirement that counties wishing to participate in forest wildfire protection program shall pay to the Georgia Forestry Commission four cents (4 ¢) per acre of privately owned timberland in the county. The acreage shall be determined from the most recent U.S. Forest Service Survey for Georgia. 2004 Survey - 108,466 acres @ \$0.04/acre = \$4,339 annually

Bates, Cater & Company – Engagement Letter for Yahoola Creek Reservoir Audit

Bates, Carter & Co. will examine all draw requests including the supporting invoices submitted to Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority by the City of Dahlonega. Examine all contracts with third parties that relate to Reservoir construction and construction funds. Examine all bank statements related to Reservoir construction and verify that interest income was accounted for properly as well as any other income sources related to this project.

Commissioner Raber asked Finance Director, Allison Martin if the proposed audit will be simply a repeat of the one done by the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) audit. Ms. Martin explained that the exact value of assets was not included in GEFA audit. Ms. Martin stated this is being a good steward of the public money. County Finance department personnel will do much of the legwork to keep down the costs of the audit. This audit will go back to Pay Request No. 1 done in September 1999. There have been fifty pay requests. The auditors will also look at all the money in escrow for mitigation and other matters.

Southeastern Service Group, Inc.

Inmate Medical Contract to provide necessary physician, nursing, dental, mental health and pharmaceutical services to persons who are inmates, detainees or prisoners of Lumpkin County in the Lumpkin County Detention Center.

***Motion:** John Raber made a motion to approve all of the contracts presented by consent approval. Clarence Stowers seconded this motion. Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Martin approved. Motion carried.*

**OTHER ITEMS**

Fees Schedules - Road Signs

Departments submitted their fee schedules for review at the March 3, 2006 Work Session and the only fee schedule recommended for change was the Road Signs fee schedule.

***Motion:** Clarence Stowers made a motion that the Road Signs fee schedule be accepted. Marvin Martin seconded this motion. Commissioners Stowers and Martin approved. Motion carried.*

Joint Proclamation

The City of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County signed a joint proclamation recognizing Dr. Linda W. Woodruff. Dr. Woodruff started the graduate program in Physical Therapy at North Georgia College and State University, organized the study program, helped assemble the equipment and served as the driving force in the program receiving its accreditation. Commissioner Raber spoke of Dr. Woodruff's accomplishments and read the joint proclamation.

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*Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved that the signing of the Joint Proclamation be ratified. Commissioner Raber seconded this motion. Commissioners Raber, Stowers and Martin approved the motion. Motion carried.*

#### **COMMENTS**

##### **COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager, Stan Kelley announced that the Trails Committee would be walking the trail Saturday, March 18, 2006. He also announced that the County Recycling Center would begin operations April 29, 2006. He stated that he hoped to have a County employee on board at that time. The Recycling Center will accept plastic, cardboard, paper, and cans. The County Manager needs available dates from the Commissioners so that a ribbon cutting can be arranged for the County Shop next week, and for the Recycling Center on or about April 29, 2006. There is a conflict with the Trails Committee who wishes to have their Ribbon Cutting at 10 a.m. on April 29, 2006. The County Manager will investigate if there is a grant available so that recycling containers can be bought and placed at Forrest Hills Mountain Resort.

The County Manager spoke with the Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center (GMRDC) regarding Lumpkin County's Comprehensive Plan. The GMRDC wants the County to create a cover page for the Plan. Donna Jarrard of the County Manager's Office created several samples from which the Commissioners expressed their preferences.

##### **COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Hutcheson attended the Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority meeting. The Water and Sewerage Authority wants the Commissioners to consider requesting permanent water withdrawal agreements right now from all available water sources. Commissioner Hutcheson requested that this be discussed in the next Work Session.

Commissioner Martin stated that he wished to recognize the Deputy Clerk Kathleen Walker and her son, Patrick Walker, who had just returned to the United States from military service in Iraq.

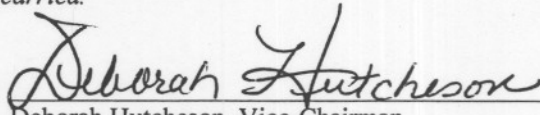
Commissioner Stowers said the Board was moving forward with the Sign Regulations and that a Public Hearing would be held March 23, 2006.

Commissioner Raber said the County Building Committee was making progress but it takes time to research all of the information. The Impact Fee Committee is unable to move forward until a Capital Improvement Plan has been established.

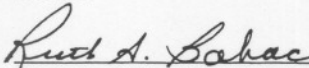
#### **ADJOURN**

*Motion: Vice-Chairman Hutcheson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Stowers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Raber and approved by Commissioners Raber, Martin and Stowers. Motion carried.*

4-20-2006  
Date

  
Deborah Hutcheson, Vice-Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
Ruth A. Bohac  
Clerk, Lumpkin County